THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (e) No, Sir. However, the State Government has prepared a rehabilitation scheme for affected people including construction of 200 houses which is under implementation.

Job Seekers in Andhra Pradesh

535. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of job seekers on the live register of the employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh as on the 30th June, 2003;

(b) the number of job seekers who are waiting for jobs for five years and more in such exchanges of the State;

(c) the number of job seekers provided with jobs through employment exchanges in the State during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken to provide the jobs to the job seekers of the State within a time frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Number of job seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh as on April, 2003 (latest available) was of the order of 27.33 lakh.

(b) Information on number of job seekers waiting for jobs for five years and more is not maintained.

(c) Placements effected by the employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh during 2000,2001 and 2002 were of the order of 4.7,2.4 & 4.1 thousands respectively.

(d) The approach to Tenth Plan focusses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan lays emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of

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employment. Particular attention has been paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential. This will also help the unemployed persons in Andhra Pradesh.

National Child Labour Projects

†536. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the name of various National Child Labour Projects being implemented in different States;

(b) the amount allocated for each of the projects during the last three years, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether Government proposed to abolish the practice of child labour prevailing in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The Government of India has been implementing the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) in 100 districts of 13 Child Labour endemic states. List of the 100 NCLPs is at Statement (See below).

(b) District-wise details are at Annexure. *[See* Appendix 199, Annexure No. 3]

(c) and (d) Under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 employment of children below the age of 14 is prohibited in 13 Occupations and 57 Processes listed to the Schedule of the Act. Employers employing children in occupations and processes prohibited under the Act are liable to be prosecuted. The Central Government and State/UT Governments have enforcement machineries to enforce child labour related provisions of the various laws.

Government is committed to the goal of eradication of child labour in all its forms.

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